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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER REQUESTING
MEETING FOR PRIME MINISTER MANEA MANESCU

REF: BUCHAREST 3715

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN ANDREI ASKED ME TO CALL AT
MINISTRY 10:00 A.M. LOCAL JUNE 2 TO RECEIVE SPECIAL MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU FOR PRESIDENT CARTER.
2. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THEIR
AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS,
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE PRIME
MINISTER MANEA MANESCU DURING LATTER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO
US IN CONNECTION WITH UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.
CEAUSESCU HAS INSTRUCTED MANESCU TO BRIEF PRESIDENT CARTER
ON MAY 15-31 FAR EASTERN VISIT AND TO CONVEY A SPECIAL
CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE.
3. MANESCU WILL DELIVER CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH TO THE UN
SPECIAL SESSION ON JUNE 8 AND WILL LEAVE BUCHAREST FOR
NEW YORK JUNE 6 OR 7. THE ROMANIAN ESTIMATE, SAID
ANDREI, IS THAT REQUESTED MEETING MIGHT MOST
CONVENIENTLY TAKE PLACE AFTER JUNE 8. PRIME MINISTER
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WOULD HAVE TO BE BACK IN ROMANIA BEFORE CEAUSESCU'S
DEPARTURE FOR STATE VISIT TO UK JUNE 12. ANDREI SAID
HE HOPED TO RECEIVE ME AS SOON AS I HAVE RESPONSE TO
REQUEST.

4. I STRONGLY URGE FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.
WERE IT NOT FOR UK VISIT, CEAUSESCU MIGHT WELL HAVE

DELIVERED OWN SPEECH AT UNSSOD AND WISHED TO BRIEF
PRESIDENT ON FAR EASTERN TRIP HIMSELF, AND MEETING WITH
PRIME MINISTER AS HIS EMISSARY WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE
IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO
PRESIDENTS DURING APRIL VISIT. MANESCU FOR HIS PART
IS CAPABLE MAN WHO HAS BEEN EXTREMELY CORDIAL IN HIS
DEALINGS WITH ME AND WITH HIGH-LEVEL US VISITORS (MOST
RECENTLY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND), AND HAS
BEEN CONSISTENTLY AND POSITIVELY ENGAGED IN DEVELOPMENT
OF US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS FOR MANY YEARS NOW. PERHAPS
MOST IMPORTANT, CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO CHINA, DPRK,
VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA DID MORE THAN SIMPLY
REGISTER ROMANIAN FOREIGN POLICY INDEPENDENCE ONCE
AGAIN: IT DEALT WITH ISSUES WHICH ARE OF VITAL INTEREST
TO BOTH US AND CHINA, AND FROM A PERSPECTIVE WHICH
MAY BE USEFUL TO US AS WE CONTEMPLATE NEXT STEPS IN FAR EAST.

5. ADVISE ASAP.
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